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Allegations of paedophile ring at County Hall during 80s and 90s

CHILD ABUSE COVER UP CLAIM

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By Charles Thomson

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THE LEADER of Essex County Council has issued a public appeal for evidence of a possible child abuse "cover-up" in the 1980s and 90s.

David Finch said the authority and Essex Police were keen to

investigate recent allegations about a "paedophile ring" operating at County Hall.

Cllr Finch urged witnesses to come forward after a former NHS manager made a speech at the Houses of Parliament, where he made allegations of a child abuse "cover-up".

The claims were made by Robin Jamieson, who was district psychologist – managing 20 staff –

for Southend in the early 1990s and sat on the Child Protection Committee.

Mr Jamieson made a speech at a "whistleblowers event" at Westminster on June 23 in front of MPs, barristers and campaigners.

He claimed that in the 1990s he was approached discretely by junior staff with alarming allegations, suggesting serious failures in child protection.

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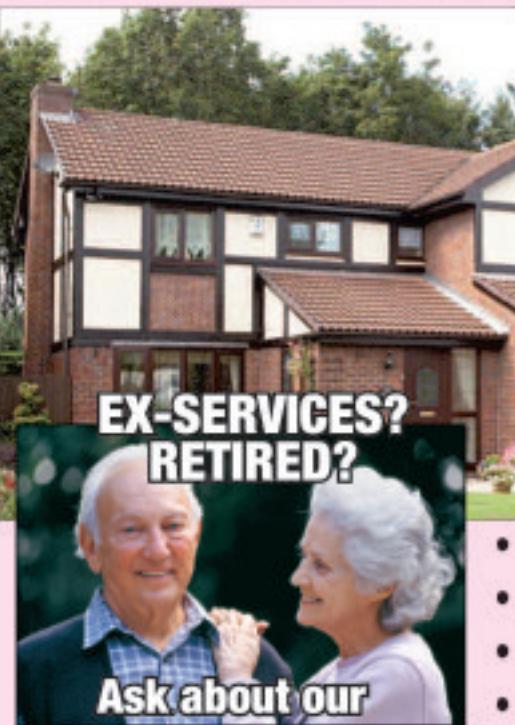
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Police appeal for witnesses as 50-year-old is charged with murder

Man found dead in kitchen bedsit

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man died inside a property in Beedell Avenue, Westcliff.

Officers were called shortly after 9.30pm on Sunday, July 5, following reports that a man had been found collapsed in the kitchen.

Police officers and ambulance crews attended but the man, aged 50 and from the local area, had died.

Detectives from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate are leading the enquiry.

Senior investigating officer, DCI Martin Pasmore, said: "Two men were arrested at the

scene on suspicion of murder.

"Enquiries are continuing and a scene guard has been put in place at the property, which is made up of a number of bedsits. This will be in place whilst specialist teams carry out forensic searches.

"We are appealing for information and would like to hear from anyone who may know anything about what happened inside this property last night. If you can help, please do get in touch with my team as soon as possible. At this time we do not believe that this was a random attack."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Essex Police on 101.

● A MAN has been charged with the murder of a 50-year-old man who was found dead inside a property in Beedell Avenue in Westcliff on July 5. Unemployed Carlyle Daley, aged 46 of Beedell Avenue was charged in the early hours of Tuesday July 7. He was due to appear before Southend Magistrates at the time of going to press.

The 30-year-old man arrested in connection with the incident has been released from police custody and will face no further action.

Trio jailed for Southend killing of 24-year-old

By Suzi Muston

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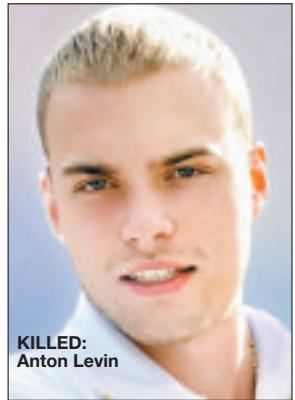
A WOMAN and two teenage boys were jailed on Friday for the manslaughter of a man in Southend, Essex.

Anton Levin, 24, from Dagenham, died after he was stabbed at Danielle Russell's home in St Ann's Road on November 19, 2014.

Russell and two boys, aged 16 and 17, were found guilty of manslaughter following a trial that concluded on June 1.

They were also found guilty of conspiracy to commit GBH on another man as well as guilty of conspiracy to commit robbery.

During the trial at Chelmsford Crown Court, it had been revealed the defendants had planned to rob Mr Levin as they believed he was in pos-



KILLED:
Anton Levin



JAIL: Danielle
Russell

Russell was jailed for 11 years and six months for manslaughter.

She was also sentenced to eight years for each of the conspiracy charges, both to run concurrently.

The teenagers, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, were sentenced to 10 years and four months for manslaughter.

After that time, they will be on a five year extended licence.

DCI Simon Werrett, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate said: "This was another unnecessary death linked to gang activity in Essex. These defendants have never shown any remorse for the attack and the needless loss of life.

"I am pleased they have been given lengthy custodial sentences, taking them off the streets of Essex.

"Hopefully Mr Levin's family can now move on with their lives."



KIND: Hassan
Mohammed

Southend, on July 7 last year. He died at Southend Hospital the following day.

Tajwar Alam, 19, of Seaforth Road, North London, had denied murder but was convicted by a majority verdict on Thursday May 28, after a trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

He was sentenced at the same court on Friday July 3.

The court heard Alam must serve a minimum of 20 years in jail

Killer jailed for life

A STUDENT has been jailed for life for the murder of Hassan Mohammed.

Hassan, 24, of Camberwell in London, was stabbed twice in York Road,

before he can be considered for parole.

Hassan's friends told officers at the time of the stabbing he was trying to break up an argument.

His family said he



JAILED: Tajwar Alam

was a loving and caring man who always put others first.

Hassan who lived with his parents and seven siblings, was studying A levels and had hoped to go to university this year.

DCI Simon Werrett, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate said: "The judge described him as a callous young man with a tendency to violence.

"The sentence handed down today will ensure the people of Southend are safe from Alam.

"Hopefully this will give Hassan's family some closure so they can move on with their lives, although nothing will bring their son back."

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WITH KidsFest just around the corner we are giving away five family tickets to join in the fun.

The annual festival at Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park, which is like Glastonbury for children, offers a line-up of children's acts and show characters on Sunday, August 9.

Meet Mr Bloom, the happy-go-lucky singing gardener, and let Lloyd Warbey from Disney's Art Attack spark your children's imagination and creativity.

Youngsters can watch spectacular demonstrations of chemical magic, movie special effects and bubbling potions with the Mad Science team. Clowns and acrobats from Happy's Circus will show off their talents while Jimbo the Partyman will make everyone laugh their socks off.

The event will also be joined by Partyman Entertainers including Bam Bam, Samtastic, Crazy Daisy, KC the Partyman and Nikki Noodles, as well as Punch and Judy



shows, Shaun the Sheep, Hupsilly Hill, Glastonbabies, a fire engine, fun fair, plus all the fun of the farm.

Tickets, which cost £19.99 per person online or £25 person on the door, with children under two admitted for free, include everything with no hidden costs (except your food and shopping). Visit www.marshfarm.co.uk.

To win one of five family tickets to KidsFest – each admitting two adults and two children – answer the following question.

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THE Village Green festival, at Chalkwell Park on Saturday will be a jamboree of family activities, as well as great music.

The fun will include a games tent or you can become part of the Great Clever Essex Debate, launched by comedian Phil Jupitus at last year's Village Green.

The audience decides the fate of 30 people in a hot air balloon

with enough gas to keep only eight aloft.

Sean McLoughlin, festival event director, said: "The games tent is a wonderful addition to a really lively programme for families and young people."

"There will also be our metal arts award tent in the bustling marketplace where kids under the age of 11 can gain an arts award qualification in a day."

The music line up includes internationally acclaimed musician, Nitin Sawhney, local legend Snowboy and the Latin Section; Hollie Cook, daughter of Sex Pistols drummer Paul Cook; break-through band, Asylums; Roland Gift, who will be playing the hits from his time in Fine Young Cannibals, and 2-tone veterans, The Selecter. Tickets are at www.villagegreenfestival.com

Joyce adds threepenny bits to her £1.5m fundraising

CHAMPION fund raiser Joyce Long will be selling cash to make money for charity.

The 86-year-old, who has given more than £1.5million to Southend Hospital over the years will have old English coins at the latest garden sale at her Thundersley home.

"I've got lot of threepenny bits, sixpences and half crowns that people have given me, and they are usually popular," she said.

Joyce, right, also has some Italian marble ornaments and garden tools for sale.

"I have a bit of everything really, but I could do with more bicycles and lawn mowers to sell, I am always getting requests for them," she added.

The three-day sale is at 22 Park Road, Thundersley, on July 13, 14 and 15.



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Residents' fears over homes on flood plain plan

By Suzi Muston

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RESIDENTS are extremely worried about a development which could see hundreds of houses built on a flood plain in Shoebury.

An application to built 172 homes and 15,000 sq m of office space on land between Ness Road and Barge Pier Road was initially rejected by Southend Council because the area is on a flood plain.

The developer, who bought the site in 2010, has re-submitted the application which will be heard by the local authority at their development control meeting today.

Worried Garrison's Residents Association member, Vivien Byczynski told the YA: "There is a lot of concern about the proposal, particularly as this time, residents have only been given one week to respond to the appeal."

"The key point is that this development is totally reliant on the maintenance of ditches and the maintenance of the sea wall."

"The ditches in Somerset were not maintained and it was an absolute disaster as I am sure everyone will remember – it was a catastrophe."

"The sea wall here in Shoebury is in a shocking state. This all costs money and if a development were to go ahead it would have to be maintained religiously."

"The key thing is that money for maintenance

is ring fenced." Vivien who is a former consultant to local authorities said the roads around Shoebury were already at full capacity too.

She said: "The junction at Campfield Road and Ness Road is gridlocked, this needs to be addressed either with a roundabout or traffic lights, it's already dangerous."

Independent Shoebury councillor Nick Ward said he felt Shoebury was at full capacity already.

He said: "My business is in Shoebury and I have noticed a significant increase in traffic volume since the last phase of development."

The Environment Agency said it wanted reassurance certain works were carried out before giving the development its approval.

An Environment Agency spokesman said: "We have requested a planning condition requiring the flood risk assessment to be reviewed if the development goes ahead before the improvement works to the tidal flood defences."

"We have also requested additional conditions including the need to provide a proposed flood storage area to compensate for land raising and for a detailed surface water drainage scheme to be prepared prior to the commencement of development."

"If these conditions are met, we have no objection to the development going ahead."

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Mike's joy as two-year bid for crossing gets go-ahead



GOOD NEWS: Councillor Mike Assenheimat the site of the crossing on busy Ness Road

Photo by Mark Cleveland

A COUNCILLOR'S dream of installing a crossing has taken a step closer to becoming a reality.

Shoebury Independent councillor Mike Assenheim has been campaigning for two years for a crossing in Ness Road, near Shoebury Park.

At Southend Council's traffic meeting on Thursday the £25,000 scheme was finally given the go ahead.

Cllr Assenheim said: "Children have always found this road very difficult to cross.

"Officers are now going to do the necessary

measuring up and notify residents of the work in the paper.

"Officers have to stand at the spot for 24 hours as well and measure the speed of the vehicles. Once 28 days has elapsed and there has been no objections, then we can start work on it."

The crossing will be paid for by a charity called Safer Roads.

The charity was started by former Olympus director Mike Woodford.

Cllr Assenheim approached Mr Woodford for the funding two years ago.

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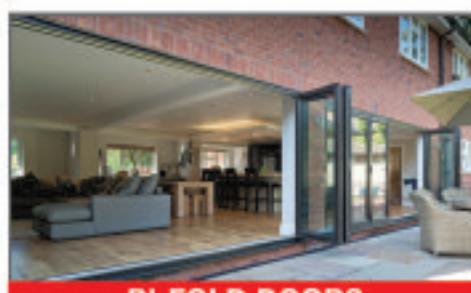


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NEWS

Man stabbed after trying to help two women who were in distress

Knife attack ordeal of good samaritan

A MAN who went to help two women in distress in Westcliff was attacked by a group of men and stabbed.

The 35-year-old, from Southend, was with his friends at the Plough pub in London Road at about 1.30am on Saturday, June 27 when he saw two women

who looked to be in trouble.

He followed them along London Road but was confronted by a group of black men near the junction of Argyll Road in front of Trinity Methodist Church.

He was stabbed in the arm with a knife and needed hospital treatment.

Police have released an efit, pictured right, of man they want to question.

He is black, aged about 28, 6ft 2in, slim and muscular. He had gelled, loosely curled black hair and wore a purple and blue check shirt.

DC Andy Copley, of

Southend CID, said: "This was a serious incident and the victim was extremely lucky not to receive more serious injuries."

Anybody with information can call DC Copley on Essex Police 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Students star in their play set in First World War



ROMANTIC: Students at the Beecroft Art Gallery
Photo by Mark Cleveland

STUDENTS at Southend High School for Girls and their peers at the boys' school are performing a play called 'The Battle Beyond the Balcony'.

They are putting on the play at the Beecroft Art Gallery in Victoria Avenue, Southend.

The play is part of a Lottery-funded scheme called the Southend WWI Remember Us project.

Southend High history teacher Sam Carter said: "The students have spent the past year working very hard on researching, writing

and devising their own production that tells the story of a young nurse working at Queen Mary's Hospital and a prisoner-of-war in Southend-on-Sea during the First World War."

"Students from year's seven to 13 from both Southend High School for Boys and Southend High School for Girls will be performing this romantic and light-hearted play to the general public."

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HAVE NO FEAR: The young winners of the competition with the Mayor, Cllr Andrew Moring

By Suzi Muston

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A LEIGH primary school is helping pupils overcome a fear of speaking in public.

Saint Pierre school head Chris Perkins said he discovered the fear of glossophobia ranked higher than that of spiders and clowns among children.

Mr Perkins said he believed it was a skill that would hold youngsters in good stead for the rest of

Photo by Mark Cleveland

their lives. He said: "Children from nursery entry are encouraged to speak in public. We have an annual competition where the pupils write about a subject that interests them, they then read it out to the rest of the school."

Teachers at the school in Leigh Road picked 20 favourite topics.

The 20 youngsters delivered their talk to Mayor Councillor Andrew Moring. Entries included encouragement, be green and live green and Buddy the dog.



WALKERS: Sue Elliot, Tina Woodham, Alison Ingleby and Emily Lawrence

Step out with Ali and her friends

READERS are being encouraged to take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

The memory walk will start at the Cliffs Pavillion, along the seafront to Shoeburyness.

Walkers can select a 2km or 4.5km walk.

Alison Ingleby who works at Southend Alzheimer's Society said: "This is a great chance to bring people together and walk, share and celebrate someone special with a community feel. The event will return with a longer route and will take in many more of the historical landmarks that make Southend."

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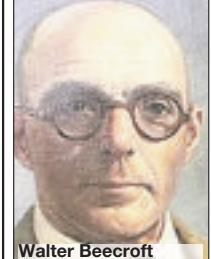
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Firefighters fear job axe amid huge drop in calls



Walter Beecroft

Have say on home of gallery

THE delightful building that once housed the Beecroft art gallery in Station Road, Westcliff, needs a new purpose in life.

Residents' views are being sought on what they would like to see inside the Edwardian property, once a hotel.

The gallery, which opened in 1953, was the brainchild of Walter Beecroft, a local solicitor and art lover.

The art work was relocated to the former Southend central library in Victoria Avenue.

The original building, which has been empty since 2013, is in a poor state of repair.

A consultation is being carried out until September 20 at www.southend.gov.uk/beecroftconsultation

EXCLUSIVE

By Suzi Muston

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HUNDREDS of firefighters' jobs could face the axe at Essex Fire and Rescue Service due to a plunge in the number of call outs.

But fire unions believe any further reduction in the numbers of full time firefighters will result in an increase in attendance times.

FBU representative Alan Chin-Shaw told the YA the service had already failed to achieve its targets for attendance times (10 minutes) on 80 per cent of occasions.

He said: "The reduction of frontline firefighters from April 2014 to April 2018 is 179 with natural wastage, but we believe this figure could increase in 2018."

Mr Chin-Shaw believes the service is intending to reduce the target response time from ten minutes to an average time of 10 minutes.

He said: "This is a very serious

reduction that could be lost on the public in the consultation document as it is not clear it intends to reduce this target.

"Although the service has been extremely effective delivery fire safety messages we need crews to do this not civilians."

"That way if there is a call out, crews will be available."

He added that crews were also needed for road traffic accidents.

He said: "No amount of education unfortunately, will prevent road traffic accidents happening."

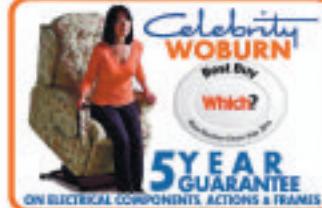
"Most people are guilty of speeding... it's human nature."

Essex acting chief fire officer Adam Eckley said that the thousands of emergencies the service has attended has reduced by half in the past ten years.

He said: "We are currently in the first phase of a major consultation on the future of the service."

"Because we are still consulting, no proposals have been developed, so any supposed 'job cuts' figure is pure speculation."

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The woman, 37, was walking in Station Road at 6.50am on Friday, June 26, when she was shouted at by two men who walked past her.

Officers want to speak to

the man who shouted the abuse and urge anybody who recognises him from the efit to get in touch.

They would also like to hear from anyone who saw what happened.

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Cllr Julian Ware-Lane
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Claim of abuse 'cover-up'

From front page

abuse concerns in relation to individual members of staff employed by Essex County Council in the 1980s and early 1990s.

"We know that these concerns were investigated at that time by the council and Essex Police and appropriate actions were taken in accordance with the evidence available at the time.

"There was no evidence of an organised cover-up, nor indeed was there sufficient evidence at the time for further investigations to take place.

"However, these are clearly very serious allegations. If Mr Jamieson, or anyone else, has evidence of a 'cover-up' or of agencies failing to properly investigate such concerns, we would very much welcome the information and would fully investigate such concerns together with Essex Police."

Mr Jamieson spoke out after reading a series of exclusive *Yellow Advertiser* reports about compensation payments for alleged abuse.

The YA revealed in January that County Hall paid almost £100,000 compensation in 2014 for alleged abuse, including £90,000 for two cases in 1993 in the Vulnerable Children and Young People department.

But civil servants refused to answer any questions about the payments.

They claimed releasing even basic details – such as answering yes or no to whether anybody was convicted in each case – could identify the alleged victims.

In subsequent Freedom of Information responses, County Hall reclassified the alleged abuse payouts as personal injury claims, making them indistinguishable from payouts for minor accidents such as cut fingers.

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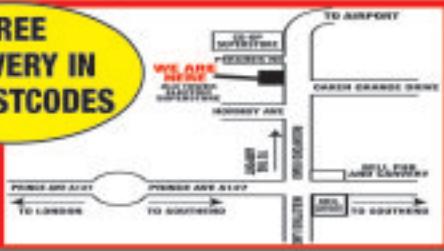
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THUNDERSLEY £499,995

- * Imposing 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- * King John School Catchment
- * 120ft Rear Garden backing onto Woodlands
- * Sought After Location
- * Games Room & Cellar
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**THUNDERSLEY £1850 pcm**

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- * Fitted Kitchen
- * Master Bedroom with En Suite
- * Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- * Family Four Pce Bathroom
- * Large Sun Terrace
- * Energy Efficiency Band D



NEW LISTING

**BENFLEET £1295 pcm**

- * Three Bedroom Detached House
- * Lounge with Fireplace
- * Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- * Ground Floor Cloakroom
- * Double Glazed
- * Two Double Bedrooms
- * One Single Bedroom Downstairs
- * Three pce Bathroom
- * Pretty Rear Garden
- * Energy Efficiency Band E




LEIGH Offers in the region of £465,000

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Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House. Lounge, Dining Room/Study, Kitchen, Bathroom/w.c. Parking, South Garden. EER E. Recommended.


SOMERSET ESTATE, WESTCLIFF £350,000

Semi-Detached Chalet Bungalow. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Sun Lounge, 4 Beds, Bath/w.c. Garden, Parking. Recommended.


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LEIGH £450,000

4 Bedroom House in need of some refurbishment, sought after area. 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom. Separate wc. Parking. EER F.


LEIGH £200,000

Purpose Built Second Floor Flat. Lounge with Balcony, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Separate wc Recommended. EER D.


CLOSE CHALKWELL PARK £260,000

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LEIGH £269,950

Semi-Detached House. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Cloakroom, 3 Beds (En-Suite to Master Bed), Bath/w.c. Garden, Garage. Recommended. EER C.


WESTCLIFF £140,000 (to include freehold)

First floor flat. South facing, Central Westcliff. Convenient for station. Lounge, Kitchen/diner, Bedroom, Bathroom/wc. Parking at rear. EER D.

Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. At the moment I can only afford to buy a flat, but these all seem to be leasehold. What does this mean, exactly, and what are the sort of issues I need to consider?

A. You're right, the vast majority of flats are indeed leasehold. That's because, under English law, no matter how many individual homes may occupy a particular piece of land, there can still only be a single freehold.

The best way to think of a lease is therefore as a kind of long-term rental agreement. With a lease, you are basically buying certain rights to a property for an extended period of time – typically 99 years, but in some cases anything up to 999 years. As such, both you and the freeholder are bound by the terms of the lease agreement. An important thing to remember about such agreements is that while they all share certain basic elements, there is actually no such thing as a standard lease.

Subject to the various statutory rules and regulations, the detailed terms and conditions can vary wildly – which is why you need to have a good solicitor go



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

through them with a very fine toothcomb.

Another important factor to consider is the length of time still outstanding on the lease, since the fewer years it has left to run, the harder it may be to sell in the future.

As long as you have already held a lease for at least two years, you are legally entitled to have it extended, but this will come at a price, since the freeholder is entitled to compensation for having to wait longer to get their property back! In this context, the crucial point comes

when a lease has less than 80 years remaining, since at that stage, in addition to the afore-mentioned compensation, the leaseholder also becomes liable to pay something called "Marriage Value."

This is based on the notion that a property with a newly extended lease obviously has a higher market value – and the freeholder is therefore entitled to 50% of that increase.

If you have held a lease for more than two years, you may also be entitled to buy the freehold – again, at a price.

The rules are slightly different for houses and flats, but in the case of the latter, you need to work together with all the other leaseholders in the building in order to become joint freeholders.



LOCAL ESTATE AGENT SUPPORTS VILLAGE FAIRE

Community spirited Estate Agent Brown & Brand are pleased to support the Daws Heath Village Fayre.

This is the 11th year this event has been held at St Michaels Church Field, Daws Heath on July 11th from 12.30 till 4.00pm.

Many local groups are taking part with over 25 stalls including bouncy castles, dog display teams, tug-of-war challenge to name just a few.

Brown & Brand have sponsored and supported the event for many years, and this year are manning their own stall "throw a wet sponge at your local estate agent" which will attract many participants!

Mike Hopkins, partner of Brown & Brand commented, "we are always pleased to be able to help and support our local community, and look forward to a great and fun day."



Caulfield Road, Shoburness £220,000

Three bedroom semi detached bungalow which boasts a uPVC conservatory leading onto a South facing rear garden, off street parking for three vehicles, detached garage, gas central heating and double glazing. An internal viewing is recommended.

Ref No: ETS5027 EPC: Commissioned



Guildford Road, Southend-On-Sea £200,000

Convenient for town centre, mainline station and local shops is this good sized three bedroom semi detached house benefitting from two reception rooms, ground floor bathroom and gas central heating. No onward chain

Ref: ETS5022 EPC F



Hillcrest Road, Southend-on-Sea £140,000

Well presented one / two-bedroom ground floor flat conveniently situated for town centre and mainline station. The accommodation has the advantage of a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, double glazed windows, gas central heating and direct access to own section of South backing rear garden.

Ref No: ETS5016 EPC: D



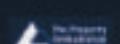
Satanita Road, Westcliff-on-Sea £135,000 OIEO

One bedroom first floor flat which will benefit from a new 125 year lease. Offering well presented accommodation, located South of the London Road and convenient for mainline station. Parking on a first come first served basis and communal garden. No onward chain.

Ref No: ETS5024 EPC: F

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HADLEIGH **£159,995****NEW
PRICE**

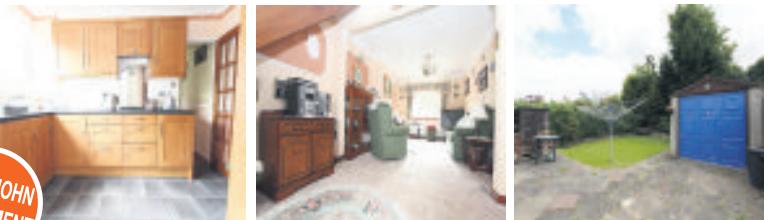
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The Gill, HADLEIGH **Guide £270,000 - £280,000****SOUGHT
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Badger Hall Avenue, THUNDERSLEY **£295,000****KING JOHN
CATCHMENT**

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet \\ Large Lounge/Diner 25'4 x 10'11 \\ Modern Fitted Kitchen 12'5 x 7'10 \\ Dining Room 9'3 x 8'7 \\ Ground Floor Bedroom One 12'4 x 9'9 \\ Ground Floor Shower Room \\ Bedroom Two 15'1 x 8'5 \\ Bedroom Three 12'6 x 10'3 \\ 55ft Rear Garden \\ Garage & Off Street Parking \\ King John Catchment \\ Close To Shipwrights Woods \\ uPVC Double Glazing \\ Extremely Popular Location \\ Sole Agents \\ Gas Central Heating \\ Viewing Advised \\ Call 01702 555888

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Three bedroom family home, Rochford £249,995

Three bedroom semi-detached chalet style family house situated in a popular location approximately 1 mile from Rochford Station. The property benefits from own driveway to large detached garage, gas central heating, double glazing and an attractive West facing rear garden. Early viewing advised. ground floor bathroom and w.c., spacious kitchen, spacious lounge, 11' x 18'10 detached garage, West facing garden. Ref etl5344



Four bedroom house walking distance of Chalkwell Station & Park £465,000 OIRO

A most impressive FOUR BEDROOM family house situated in this particularly sought after location close to Our Lady of Lourdes school and within walking distance of Chalkwell Park and Station. 21' x 13' Lounge, 14'9 x 13' dining room, 20' x 16'8 kitchen/breakfast room, cloaks/ w.c. ,Lovely rear garden, garage with remote up and over door. EARLY VIEWING IS STRONGLY ADVISED. Ref etl 5115

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Westcliff on sea £349,995

Internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate this exceptional semi detached house situated on the eagerly sought after Somerset Estate within easy access of the a127, Southend airport, shops and schools at Earls hall, St. Thomas More , Westcliff and Southend High Schools & Southend hospital. Stunning interior with superb lounge, separate dining room, luxury kitchen and bathroom. South facing garden. Ref etl5343

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Six bedroom superb family home incorporating self contained annexe , Leigh £429,995

A unique opportunity to acquire this exceptional SIX bedroom chalet bungalow incorporating a SELF CONTAINED ANNEXE/ flat. Wheelchair access is available throughout the groundfloor accommodation and annexe. The property is situated in a small cul-de-sac on the eagerly sought after Belfairs Estate. The stunning accommodation includes a truly superb open plan Lounge, family room and kitchen and the delightful annexe has its own kitchen, lounge, luxury shower room and double bedroom. There is also a good size rear garden with 20' x 10' workshop. Ref etl5339



Walking distance of Chalkwell Station, Leigh £P.O.A.

DETAILS JUST RECEIVED - Exceptional FOUR BEDROOM family house with SOUTH BACKING REAR GARDEN, situated in a highly sought after location within walking distance of CHALKWELL STATION, LEIGH ROAD/ BROADWAY AND CHALKWELL PARK - Full details available from Wednesday 8th July.

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Retirement Park Home with lovely river view £149,995

We are very pleased to offer for sale this delightful and spacious two bedroom park home offering front line views across the River Crouch towards South Woodham Ferrers. Tower Park is an ideal place for retirement as all residents must be aged 50 years and over. Early viewing strongly advised. ETL5292

Chalkwell retirement flat £99,950

Priced for an immediate sale is this delightful first floor retirement apartment situated within the prestigious Kings Meade warden managed complex located on the sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate close to local amenities and Chalkwell Park. Viewing strongly advised. Lovely communal facilities including elegant lounge, guest suite, video entry, gardens, laundry room etc. Ref etl5340

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**Merryfield Avenue £340,000**

2 receptions, an open plan Lounge/Sitting room the other a dining room. There is a 17' well fitted kitchen/breakfast room with granite worktops & integrated appliances, a g/f bathroom & a 1st floor shower room, a 4th g/f bedroom and 3 beds on the 1st floor. A drive to the garage.

**Chapel Lane £450,000**

4 bed, 2 reception room detached house located in the heart of the village of Great Wakering. Good sized accommodation throughout which includes, a 19'4 Kitchen/breakfast room, separate dining room, two en-suite shower rooms & a utility room. Completion due in November 2015.

**Thorpe Road £699,995**

5 bed detached 3000 sq ft of with a 37'8 kitchen. Triple doors leading onto the garden and separate utility room. 2 receptions and GF wet room. 1st floor is a large landing, master bedroom suite has French doors onto a Juliet balcony, dressing room and large en suite wet room. 2nd bed an ensuite wet room. bathroom.

**Southbourne Grove £335,000**

GUIDE PRICE £335,000 TO £340,000 - 4 bed, 2 receptions, a modern well fitted kitchen and g/f cloakroom. There are three bedrooms, the master with an en-suite and a contemporary bathroom. Loft conversion which provides a 4th bed a garage, the rear is an attractive landscaped garden.

**Aspen Green £179,995**

An outstanding 2 bed 1st floor apartment positioned within a popular development in Ashingdon. The property provides good sized living accommodation throughout and has the advantage of a balcony with views towards the River Crouch as well as 2 allocated parking spaces.

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**Craven Close £239,995**

2 bed semi-detached bungalow which has been improved by the current vendors, the property benefits from a spacious lounge/diner, a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, a spacious entrance hall and a conservatory leading onto a rear garden.

**West Street £195,000**

A delightful early 18th Century Grade II Listed Cottage with modern kitchen and bathroom with separate shower, two reception rooms and first floor cloakroom and two bedrooms, carport parking and decking areas offering no onward chain.

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**Norman House £825 pcm**

2 bed ground floor apartment has the advantage of a white high gloss modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and a modern contemporary white bathroom suite. The property benefits from an allocated parking space and communal gardens.

**Southend Road £295,000**

A redecorated 2 bed detached house located in a convenient location close to Southend airport and railway station. Benefits from extended accommodation to include en-suite to master bedroom, g/f cloakroom, 3 good sized bedrooms and being sold with no onward chain.

**Mornington Avenue £250,000**

Rarely available is this three bedroom detached bungalow located in a popular road within easy access of Rochford Square and the mainline railway station. The property benefits from a good size rear garden, a lounge and a kitchen/breakfast room. The property is offered with no onward chain.

**Elizabeth House £950 pcm**

A spacious penthouse positioned within a recently built development located in the heart of Rochford. The property benefits from two double bedrooms, 2 allocated parking spaces, a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom as well as an en-suite to the master bedroom.



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Leigh On Sea**£395,000**

Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this fully detached bungalow situated within a sought after location of Leigh being South of the London Road and close to Chalkwell Park and Chalkwell Station. The property offers spacious living accommodation and also benefits from three bedrooms and off street parking. The property offers scope to extend subject to planning and offers early vacant possession.

Westcliff On Sea**£339,995**

Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this spacious three double bedroom detached family house situated on a good size plot. The property provides large ground floor living accommodation and benefits from being newly carpeted and decorated throughout. Full double glazing and gas central heating and has scope to extend due to the size of its frontage. West facing garden. Offers early vacant possession.

Southend On Sea £725 pcm

Being situated within a central location close to Southend town centre and railway station is this first and second floor maisonette. The property offers spacious accommodation throughout and to the first floor has a good size lounge, spacious fitted kitchen which includes integrated electric oven and hob, bathroom with bath, shower, WC and a separate WC. In the second floor there are two double bed rooms and a good size single. The property is fully double glazed and has gas central heating via radiators. Working tenancy only.

Southend On Sea £650 pcm

Newly converted first floor apartment situated above a shop along the High Street opposite Marks and Spencer's. Large lounge incorporating kitchen area with integrated oven and four ring hob, stainless steel refectory base unit, recessed fridge and freezer, plumbing and recess for washing machine, double bedroom, shower room/WC, rear courtyard, full gas central heating and double glazing. Permit parking available. Newly carpeted and decorated throughout with brand new kitchen and shower room fittings.

SOUTHEND ON SEA INVESTMENT FOR SALE £219,995

This mid terrace two storey building of traditional construction comprising of a ground floor retail shop, one bedroom rear flat, three bedroom 1st and 2nd Floor maisonette and a self contained rear store, all separately let.

**WESTCLIFF ON SEA INVESTMENT FOR SALE £239,995**

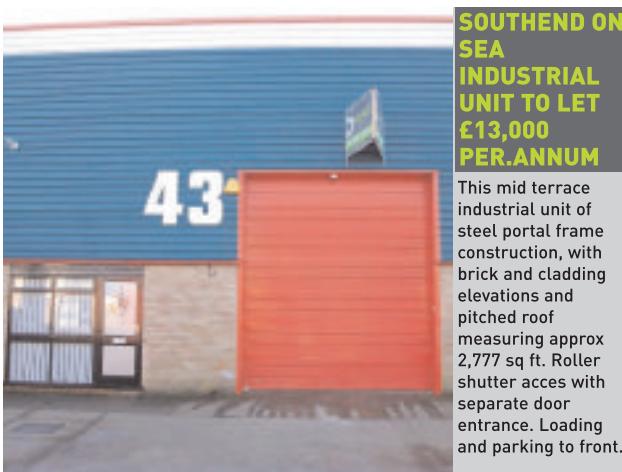
The property is a mid terraced two storey building of traditional construction comprising of a ground floor shop currently let and trading as a tattoo parlour with two one bedroom self contained flats, one above and one to the rear.

BENFLEET RETAIL UNIT TO LET £14,000 PER ANNUM

Ground Floor Shop measuring approx 752 sq ft with kitchen, toilet with car parking to rear, previously occupied as greengrocers.

SOUTHEND ON SEA RETAIL UNIT TO LET £35,000 + VAT

The property provides a large retail sales area measuring approx 1,054 sq ft with basement storage and W.C to the rear in High Street location.

**SOUTHEND ON SEA INDUSTRIAL UNIT TO LET £13,000 PER ANNUM**

This mid terrace industrial unit of steel portal frame construction, with brick and cladding elevations and pitched roof measuring approx 2,777 sq ft. Roller shutter access with separate door entrance. Loading and parking to front.

RAYLEIGH INDUSTRIAL UNIT TO LET £33,100 PER ANNUM

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Of course, if you want to raise the rent more than once a year and the tenant doesn't agree, you have the option of ending the tenancy with two months' notice and then you can look for new tenants at a higher rent.

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**BENFLEET****£460,000**

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NO
ONWARD
CHAIN!**THUNDERSLEY****£260,000**

Deceptive from the outside, this extended family home offers a fashionable Open Plan Kitchen/Diner leading onto the Living Room which has bi-fold doors to the neat rear garden. SOLE AGENTS.

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PRICE!**HADLEIGH****£235,000**

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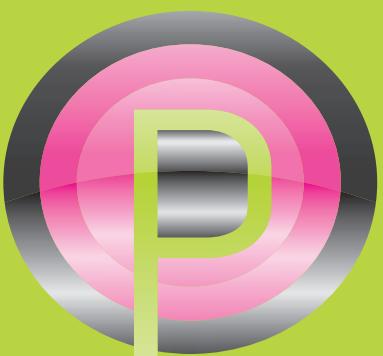
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A good guide to judge the saleability of property is the number of properties for sale, compared to the numbers that are sold, subject to contract. Now I carried out this comparison last week, so the numbers will be marginally different today, but of the 84,183 households in Southend there are 1,660 properties on the market for sale. Of those 1,660 properties, 647 properties are fully available on the open market waiting for a buyer and 1013 have buyers and are sold subject to contract. That means 31% of property on the market has a buyer in Southend (interestingly in Westcliff 55% of properties on the market have a buyer and in Southend 57%).

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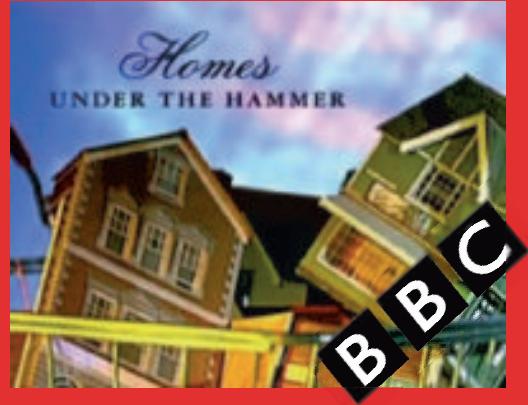


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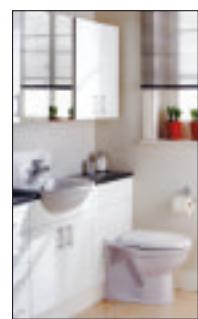
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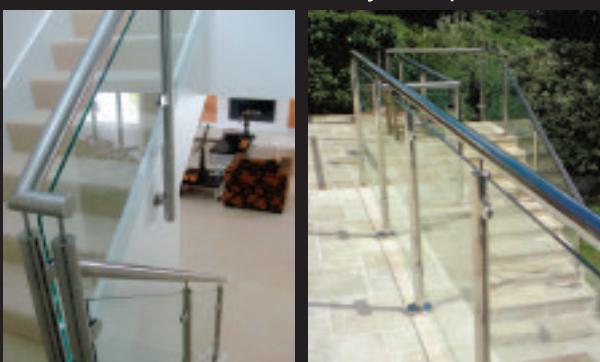


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MORE THAN 400 complaints were made against Essex Police in the first quarter of 2015, a report has revealed.

Papers published by Police Commissioner Nick Alston showed that between January and March the force received 415 complaints, of which 380 were against officers and 35 were against staff.

They included one allegation of sexual assault by a police officer, 24 allegations of assault by an officer, seven complaints about alleged discrimination, four reports of alleged "perjury or irregularity in evidence" and eight claims that people's data had been improperly

SEX assault claims, discrimination and abuse of date are among the latest cases that Essex Police Commissioner Nick Alston has released from the force's misconduct logs. CHARLES THOMSON reports

released. One officer was sacked and submitted for inclusion on a list banning him from serving again, after he was convicted for refusing to provide a specimen.

Two more officers were fired after a gross misconduct hearing determined they had made false entries in a domestic violence report.

Another officer is the latest of several in the last two years to be probed over alleged "inappropriate contact with vul-

nerable females". The report said the officer has been suspended and is being investigated by the force's Professional Standards Department. A Special Chief Inspector is under investigation by the Professional Standards Department, for allegedly "verbally abusing members of the public, having identified himself as a police officer".

Mr Alston said: "I remain thoroughly committed to being open and transparent about police disciplinary

processes and I am conscious that some of the cases outlined in the report make for uncomfortable reading.

"However, this scrutiny work should help ensure that the people of Essex can have confidence that where misconduct occurs it will be identified and addressed, and that their police force remains committed to the highest professional standards.

"I would also want to remind people that day by day, the vast majority of the men and women of Essex Police continue to carry out excellent work in solving crimes, locking up criminals and, most importantly, supporting victims."



THE CASES:

In the clear

TWO ESSEX Police officers have been cleared of any wrongdoing after being charged with alleged criminal offences.

The two officers' cases were not connected.

British Transport revealed last week that the CPS has dropped an "indecency" charge against a serving Essex Police officer.

The officer appeared in court in June after being arrested and charged with "indecent conduct".

The Special Constable, based in the north of the county, was suspended from duty following the charges.

British Transport Police confirmed that the charge was dropped last week, as the officer awaited a further court date.

The officer was also subject to an investigation by the force's Professional Standards Department. Another officer, who

was charged with harassment and assault following a "domestic abuse" complaint, has been acquitted.

A force spokesman said: "The officer, based in Basildon, remains suspended from duty, pending the outcome of an internal misconduct investigation. He appeared in court in June and was found not guilty by a jury."

Officer faces trial

AN officer has denied inappropriate behaviour with a girl.

The officer, who cannot be named, due to a court gagging order, has been charged with "abuse of position". A trial date set for July 27.

Inquiry continuing

AN IPCC investigation into an incident echoing Essex Police's bungled handling of

the Maria Stubbings case is still ongoing, after almost a year.

The watchdog is conducting an independent investigation into the force after a woman was allegedly sexually assaulted.

The probe was first made public in the July to September 2014 misconduct report.

The IPCC was called in after the woman, who is not identified, said she was assaulted by a man she had earlier reported to police.

Police did not arrest the man over alleged harassment, even though a restraining order was in force.

The misconduct report read: "A complaint was made to police about the harassment of a vulnerable female by an ex-partner; a restraining order was in place, however, no arrest was made. The female subsequently made an allegation of serious sexual assault against the ex-partner."

The sexual assault case never went to trial as the CPS decided there was insufficient evidence, but the man – whose name Essex Police claimed it was banned from releasing

– was convicted of multiple breaches of a restraining order.

Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh apologised in October 2014 after a jury found Essex Police had failed to protect Maria Stubbings, who was murdered in 2008 by Mark Chivers.

She had reported Chivers to police and dialled 999 multiple times in the days before her death, but police failed to attend her address in Chelmsford.

When they did, Chivers answered the door and said she was out. She was found dead the next day, strangled with a dog lead.

Speaking in October, after jurors ruled Essex Police was partially responsible for the death, police commissioner Nick Alston said: "Together, we must ensure that a person is never again failed in the way that Maria Stubbings was failed. We must also strive at all times to protect people from the harm of domestic abuse."

Essex Police confirmed last week that the IPCC investigation was ongoing.

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What's on and what's coming

LEE TRIES OUT HIS NEW STUFF



TREMBLERS: Roy and George are dead ringers but what's Art Garfunkel doing in the band?

By LIZ WADE

FILL your weekends with music and laughter at Towngate Theatre this month, with the help of comedian Lee Nelson and a variety of tribute bands.

The Basildon theatre has a packed programme of shows throughout July, including its Outside the Box Comedy Club on Sunday, July 12.

Lee, best known for his BBC3 programmes, Lee Nelson's Well Good Show and Lee Nelson's Well Funny People, will headline the evening. If you missed his appearance at the Palace Theatre, Southend, last month, as part of his Suited & Booted tour, which is travelling the country until December, then you're in for a treat.

At the Towngate he will be presenting a preview of his upcoming Edinburgh show, so you are in for a sneak peak of new material before anyone else.

Joining him will be international comedian,

Rich Wilson, who is regarded as the UK's best MC by many top comedians such as Frank Skinner, Richard Herring and Sarah Millican, and comic whirlwind Jonny Asum, who exploded onto the comedy scene with a crowd-pleasing set that has seen him perform his feel-good brand of musical comedy around the world.

The compere for the evening will be the fantastic Maff Brown, who has been a support act for Greg Davies, Andy Parsons, Terry Alderton, Michael McIntyre, Jack Dee and Lucy Porter. A touring comedian and founder of the award-winning Outside The Box Comedy Club, Maff has written for Shooting Stars and Mock the Week, as well as performing at the Edinburgh Festival.

If you are looking for a bit of musical entertainment then two tribute acts, as well as a West End star, will also be hitting the Towngate stage this month.

The Trembling Wilburys – a tribute to the Traveling Wilburys – will appear on Saturday,



COMEDY: Lee Nelson



July 18, recreating the sounds of the ultimate supergroup created by George Harrison, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne.

All the musicians and vocalists in The Trembling Wilburys benefit from a formidable musical pedigree and treat audiences to superb versions of many of the Wilburys' classics including the likes of Handle With Care, End of The Line, Last Night and She's My Baby, to name just a few.

Glen Knowler is undoubtedly this country's most perfect Harrison lookalike and soundalike, while Dave Collison's vocal range and

ability matches that of Orbison.

They will be joined by percussionist and founder member of The Trembling Wilburys, Dave Stark, and lead guitarist Dzal Martin, who has the enviable reputation of being one of London's most respected guitarists, as well as Andy McNish on rhythm guitar and vocals, and Howard Robin on keyboards.

Hot on their heels will be Raga Garage, who will be making their first appearance at the Towngate Theatre on Sunday, July 19, with special guest Gia Macuja Atchison, star of West End shows such as Miss Saigon, The Lion King and Here Lies Love.

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THUNDER BUDDIES:
Mark Wahlberg and Ted
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TED 2 (15, 116 mins)

In 2012, writer-director Seth MacFarlane's mismatched buddy comedy Ted was a surprise hit.

Man's best friend wasn't a dog after all - it was a potty-mouthed, talking teddy with a penchant for beer, bongs and scantily clad ladies.

Sadly, the bear necessities of modern life don't stretch to a second film because Ted 2 is padded with as much fluff as the huggable hero.

The sequel is a vast improvement on MacFarlane's previous film, A Million Ways To Die In The West, but even root canal treatment would be preferable to a repeat viewing of that tumbleweed spoof.

The sweetness and romance, which distinguished the original Ted, have been diluted to the point of blandness here and a climactic set piece at a pop culture convention is an unsightly mess.

Direction plods without any urgency and politically incorrect, gross-out interludes are laced with malice.

Between the frequent yawns, MacFarlane conjures moments of magic - new

love interest Amanda Seyfried's a cappella rendition of Mean Ol' Moon; a bizarre yet hilarious cameo by Liam Neeson - but these are fleeting.

Ted 2 opens with John Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) divorced from Lori (Mila Kunis) and fur ball companion Ted (voiced by MacFarlane) poised to walk down the aisle with a brassy checkout girl called Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth).

One year later, the honeymoon is over and Ted and Tami-Lynn are arguing incessantly.

Ted's supermarket co-worker (Cocoa Brown) passes on a nugget of her wisdom: "You better have a baby or your marriage is over."

The bear lacks the necessary appendage to impregnate Tami-Lynn, so he hatches a plot to steal the sperm of American football legend Tom Brady (playing himself).

The bear-brained scheme misfires and Ted and Tami-Lynn approach an adoption agency.

Their application is red-flagged because the state of Massachusetts recognises Ted as a piece of property

not a person.

Soon after, the bear loses his job and the marriage is annulled.

"We take this all the way to Judge Judy if we have to," bellows John and the pals head to court with idealistic attorney Samantha L Jackson (Seyfried) to uphold Ted's civil rights.

Ted 2 runs on empty in terms of originality, relying entirely on our affection for the characters to sustain interest.

Wahlberg trades lacklustre banter with his computer-generated pal and there's an absence of on-screen chemistry with Seyfried.

A running gag about her facial similarity to a character from The Lord Of The Rings develops a stich before its punchline, while fleeting appearances from John's gay co-worker (Patrick Warburton) and his boyfriend (Michael Dorn) are superfluous.

At a critical juncture in the court case, Ted activates the voicebox in his chest and sweetly trills, "I love you!" Regrettably, it's impossible to feel similarly enamoured with MacFarlane's sequel.

Released: July 8
RATING: 5/10

Stage**Musical blends and goth classics****From p39**

Raga Garage's music is a masterblend of fine flavours, mixing the fluid melodies of South Indian Carnatic music with the sharpened corners and angles of the Western Classical tradition.

Jyotsna Srikant is the UK's foremost Indian classical violinist, who has released two critically acclaimed solo albums, while Robert Atchison began his career playing with London's Philharmonic Orchestra and The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

The pair, who are joined by composer, arranger and pianist Shadrach Solomon, met by chance in 2011 at the Lyceum Theatre, London, and they soon began experimenting together musically.

Jyotsna and Robert's shared concept is to unpick and unstitch the overlapping elements and subtle differences between classical Indian and classical Western musical approaches.

The following week, on Friday, July 24, The Cureheads - the original tribute to The Cure - will be providing the entertainment

along with Lizzy & the Banshees.

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If you would prefer a bit of drama, then make sure you catch James Cawood's Stone Cold Murder, starring Emmerdale stars Freya Copeland and Gary Turner, which will be at the theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



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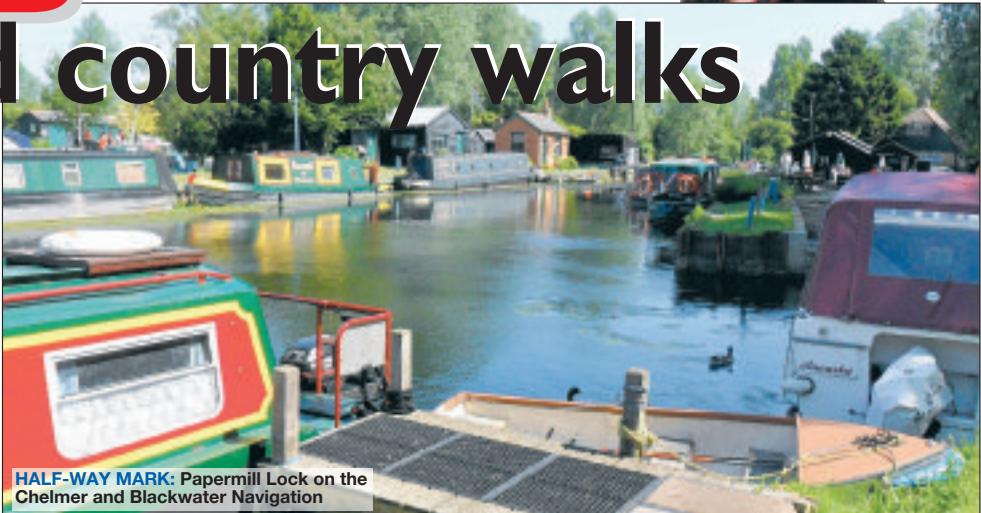
waterway was complete, with 13 locks built to accommodate horse-drawn lighters – shallow barges – that measured 60ft by 16ft and could carry up to 25 tonnes of cargo.

While industry on the waterway began to decline, due to the construction of Eastern Counties Railway from London to Colchester in 1843, coal continued to be imported by water until the First World War.

Today the navigation is a haven for visitors who stroll along the unspoilt waterway, climb aboard barges for trips, and admire the canal boats along the way.

The half-way point of the waterway is Papermill Lock, in North Hill, Chelmsford, which is a great place to explore the canal, take in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings, and find out more about its history.

The Old Stable Tea Room at the lock used to be home to the horses that pulled the barges along the river and those working the waterway – who were known as



HALF-WAY MARK: Papermill Lock on the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation

bargees – would have slept in the small brick building situated on a small island opposite, which is now the office of The Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Company.

You can now enjoy homemade cakes, ploughman's and sandwiches in the former stables, which are open daily from 10am throughout the year.

While you can no longer hire rowing boats and canoes at Papermill Lock, which is a shame as it was a great way to spend some time with the family, you can still explore the canal another way – on board the Caffel.

The 12-seater vessel, operated by the same people who run The Old Stable Tea Room, offers hourly

leisurely trips along the waterway during the summer for just £6 for adults and £5 for children.

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Saturday, July 11

- Transmission Meditation Workshop – Hellifield Room, Forum Library, Southend, 10 to 11.30 am, admission free, details 01702 331609.
- Village Green – Chalkwell Park, Westcliff, £10.
- Summer concert – The Orpheus Singers, Hadleigh Salvation Army, SS7 2FF, 7.30pm. Also, guest Carl and Chris Carter, on piano and euphonium. Tickets £9-£8 concessions. To reserve 01702 467052 or www.theorpheussingers.co.uk.
- Basildon Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Fryup Hall, The Fynds, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Club 50+ Southend – 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- The South East Essex Ramblers – visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southeastessexramblers> to find out when we are walking this week.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you. 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Stroke Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove,

Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm, 01702 612509.

- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).
- Flamingo Fairs vintage and more fair – The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road, 11am-4pm, free entry.

Sunday, July 12

- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Somers Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07936 659595.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – 10am to noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07583 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's – Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details 07757 658777.
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- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Farnores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.

Monday, July 13

- Coffee Morning – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon, meet friends and chat. All welcome.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm daily, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Farnores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.

what's on

- Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audrey Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audrey Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrave Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing – in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, July 14

- Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, Bring a blanket and your yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
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- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm, 01702 715111.
- Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm, 01702 584575.
- Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
- Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
- The Puffers Club, exercise class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
- The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, Yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30, 01268 465854.
- Singles Social Group - The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 01702 432994.
- Single Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breath Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.
- Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
- Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel

Avenue, Canvey, 7.9-45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

- Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.
- Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five, 01702 577656.

Wednesday, July 15

- The Skylarks 3km Race – Wick Country Park, Tresco Way, Wickford, 7.30pm. Participants are advised to arrive by 7.15pm at the very latest, £3, UK Athletics affiliated runners £1. Details http://www.friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk/skylarks_race.shtml.
- Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – Celebrating Hoagy Carmichael – Chris Ingham, 8pm, The Chichester, Rayweth SS11 8UE. Tel: 07850 607075.
- Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8.9pm, £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
- Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
- Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
- Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
- Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities, 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over 18s, £4 per person, 01268 752473.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-

12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

- Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm, 01702 553622.
- Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.

■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1.20-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honora 01268 574390.

■ Social ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.

■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session, 01702 540111.

■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment, 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.

■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Brentwood Buddies – new social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley Hill, Brentwood, 8pm. Contact Julie on 07969 071392 by text or phone before turning up.

■ Learn to paint in watercolours in Hadleigh with tutor Trevor Shaw. For more information call 01702 558282.

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Thursday, July 16

- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hair Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge: 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner, 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm, 01268 770112.

■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoeburyness, 8-10pm, 01702 476087.

■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.

■ Billericay Baby Cafe – Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for breastfeeding mums, 12.30pm.

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Its mid-week Menu, offering a choice of two courses for £10.95 or three courses for just £11.95, is packed with a wide range of choices, from whitebait and Italian pasta to smoked mackerel and soup of the day to start, followed by a fantastic range of main dishes, such as homemade pie of the day, homecooked ham with eggs, pan-fried liver and bacon, baked seafood and homemade lasagne. If you have room for more, then there is a range of delicious sweets to enjoy from the trolley.

An a la carte menu is served in the restaurant on Saturday evenings which also has extensive choice including venison pate, Scottish smoked salmon, garlic mushrooms, and rosemary and garlic brie for starters, and succulent roast, pork tenderloin, lamb shank, chicken Portobello – succulent chicken breast smothered with Madeira and mushroom sauce – as well as grill



and fish dishes for mains. All of this is complimented by a wide range of side orders and desserts including sweets from the trolley.

More choice is available on Sunday as staff serve a snack menu in the bar area and a comprehensive blackboard which always includes a choice of four roasts, the famous homemade pie of the day and fresh fish, and other dishes.

Its Sunday Lunch Menu costs £8.95 for a main meal, £10.75 for two courses and £12.25 for three courses. There is also a comprehensive Bar Menu offering a range of favourites from prawn cocktail, potato wedges and rack of ribs, to burger meals, scampi and ploughman's.

The Chimes Restaurant itself can also be hired

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Maharaja shines at business awards

Advertisement feature

ONE of Essex's most popular and multi award-winning Indian restaurants shone at the 2015 Curry Life Business Achievement Awards for being one of the best achievers in the country.

The Maharaja, at 358 London Road, Benfleet, owned by Siraj Ali, was given this top recognition in a glittering ceremony held in London on June 7.

It was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by former Olympic minister Tessa Jowell DBE, Shelim Hussain MBE, owner of Euro Foods, and one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the country with a business empire worth more than £200million, and Channel 4 TV news presenter Cathy Newman.

London-based Curry Life Magazine, known for promoting entrepreneurs in curry houses nationally, is behind the glamorous event where 600 people celebrated the cream of British Asian businesses.

Awards were given to 16 top Asian entrepreneurs from businesses, including Mr Ali from the Maharaja Restaurant, at the Park Plaza Riverbank London Hotel.

Among the VIP guests at the ceremony were armed forces minister Penny Mordaunt; Home Office minister Lord Ahmad; Paralympic gold medallist Lord Chris Holmes; Deputy Leader of the House of Commons Dr Therese Coffey and MP for Leicester East Keith Vaz.

Dame Tessa paid tribute to the invaluable contribution made to the economy and amazing resilience of the Asian community despite challenging times in Britain.

She said: "Over the years, Curry Life has been renowned for recognising talents from the curry industry."

"The awards ceremony is a fantastic celebration of innovation and inspiration within our vibrant Asian business community."

Mr Ali said: "It was fantastic to be awarded in best achieving restaurant category. We were



WINNER: Dame Tessa Jowell, left, Maharaja owner Siraj Ali, Shelim Hussain and Cathy Newman

absolutely overjoyed to be named the best achiever in restaurant business alongside 16 businesses in the country.

"I'd like to thank all our loyal customers who are coming through our doors and to our team at Maharaja, because it's been a real team effort."

Syed Belal Ahmed, editor of Curry Life Magazine, said: "The Business Achievement Awards provides the opportunity to recognise businesses in our community who demonstrate an excellent business approach and stand out in their field. Winning the award is not just about success in business. It is as much about the way that person has built their business into a success, and how they have translated their personal



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Motoring

Suzuki crossover has wide appeal

By Edward Stephens

SUZUKI'S decision to build a crossover vehicle was almost inevitable considering the company's history.

Its ability to build competent 4x4 models – demonstrated with vehicles like the Vitara and the Jimny – and its reputation of being one of the world's most successful compact car makers were the perfect combination for a crossover.

And so the SX4 S-Cross was born, a compact but spacious family car available with both two and four-wheel-drive.

The four-wheel-drive version is the ideal vehicle for anyone looking for off-road ability but without the bulk of a traditional off-roader.

With its prominent grille and bulbous bonnet the S-Cross is a very distinctive car and one which has the ability to stand out in the crowd.

Despite its saloon car appearance it has the sort of grip to get you out of trouble when the going gets tough.

Under normal conditions the car operates in two-wheel-drive to make it more economical.

But as soon as the system detects any wheel-slip it instantly switches to all-wheel-drive so you don't lose grip.

The system offers four modes, which can be dialled up via a knob near the gear shift.

Switch to Sport and the engine revs



ALL ROUND PACKAGE: Suzuki SX4 S-Cross

increase, the acceleration and torque characteristics are changed to optimise engine response and cornering performance while 20 per cent more torque is sent to the rear wheels to ensure more grip.

When the going gets really hairy you can switch to Snow mode for permanent four-wheel-drive and if you do happen to get stuck, change to Lock mode to get yourself out of trouble.

One of the car's most distinctive features is its panoramic glass sunroof which Suzuki says is a world first because of its two sliding panels, one in front of the other.

The massive 1,000mm expanse of glass extends over both front and rear seats and provides one of the largest openings available on any car.

Made in Hungary the S-Cross offers generous interior space and a good boot area capable of coping with some 430 litres of luggage.

Standard features on the SZ5 spec test car include satellite navigation, leather upholstery and front and rear parking sensors.

Powered by a 1.6-litre diesel engine the car offers good pulling power but is not the quickest car off the blocks, as can be seen

by its 0-62 miles per hour acceleration time.

A dashboard mounted indicator tells you which of the six gears you should be in for optimal fuel consumption and taking note of it does give impressive figures.

Over a week's driving my average was never below 52mpg and with low CO₂ figures your road tax is rock bottom too at £20pa.

The gear changes were a little on the notchy side but the ride is good if a little firm.

On the motorway it always feels well planted and stable and for a 1.6-litre responds well at high speed when you need that extra burst to get you out of trouble.

The S-Cross is not that cheap by Suzuki standards but does offer a good all round package that will appeal to a wide variety of prospective buyers.

FAST FACTS

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TIMLIN PENS NEW DEAL WITH BLUES

Football

Round-up by Brian Jeeves
SKY Bet League One new boys Southend United were given a huge boost by the news that influential midfielder Michael Timlin has signed a new two-year deal at Roots Hall.

Timlin's contract had run out, alerting League One rivals Millwall and Swindon Town. But Blues play-off hero ended speculation by putting pen to paper, much to the delight of fans.

Speaking to the club's official website, Timlin said: "I'm really happy to get the deal sorted and done and dusted. "I'm looking forward to next season with the exciting signings the gaffer wants to make to add to an already strong squad."

Timlin added: "I always was adamant I wanted to know what the situation with Southend first. I feel I've had a really good career here and the fans have taken to me. I'm working really well with Phil Brown – he seems to bring out the best in me.

"We needed to get promoted and we stepped up to the plate. With the additions the manager wants to bring in, I think we can be a real force in League One next season."

There was further good news coming out of Roots Hall as the club snapped up Ipswich Town midfielder Anthony Wordsworth and Leyton Orient striker David Mooney.

Wordsworth, who scored 35 goals in 177 appearances for Essex rivals Colchester United, moved to Portman Road in 2013. He has also had spells on loan at Rotherham United and Crawley Town. He joined the Shrimpers on a two-year contract. While Dubliner Mooney grabbed 51 goals from 170 match-



STAYING: Michael Timlin has signed a new two-year deal with Southend United

Photo by Martin Dalton

es for the O's, and also penned a two-year deal at Roots Hall.

Southend were delighted to get goalkeeper Paul Smith to commit to a further year with the club. The former Brentford stopper will combine his playing duties with a goalkeeper coach role.

Smith said: "The club have been very welcoming to me for the last three years and the manager was keen to get me on board for next season, which was really pleasing. Coaching has been something I've been doing unofficially at the club for a little while now."

Smith added: "I've been doing it on the training pitch and on match days as well, alongside Terry Mason. It's been a good transition

and is another step for me to take on the extra responsibilities. We have a strong goalkeeping unit here and that's shown with the goalkeeping performances and clean sheets over the last couple of years."

Southend's Sky Bet League One clash with Peterborough United at Roots Hall on Saturday, September 5, has been brought forward to a 12.05pm kick-off and will be broadcast live on Sky Sports.

Meanwhile their clash with Millwall at Roots Hall on Monday, December 28, has now been brought forward to a 1pm kick-off.

West Ham United's Hammer of the Year Aaron Cresswell has signed a new five-year deal with the club.

Cresswell was a consistent performer during the 2014/15 campaign, and was reported to have attracted interest from both Chelsea and Manchester City.

The Hammers have also arranged a glamour friendly with German giants Werder Bremen.

The Bundesliga side come to Upton Park on Sunday, August 2, kick-off 3pm.

And the Hammers opening Barclays Premier League fixture at Arsenal has been switched to Sunday, August 9 at 1.30pm, with the home fixture with Newcastle United now reverting to Monday, September 14, kick-off 8pm.

Both games are to broadcast live. The Hammers were delighted to announce that popular defender Julian Dicks has joined the club's backroom staff as a full-time coaching assistant.

League Two Leyton Orient manager Ian Hendon has strengthened his backroom staff with several new appointments at Brisbane Road.

Former Gillingham boss Andy Hessenthaler arrives as assistant manager, while Lee Harrison returns to the club as goalkeeping coach.

Peter Webb joins the O's as physio and Craig Smith is brought in as the club's fitness coach.

Ged Searson also arrives at the east London outfit as chief scout.

Dagenham & Redbridge have also boosted their ranks with the capture of central defender Nyon Nosworthy. The former Gillingham and Sunderland man spent last season at Blackpool, but also appeared on loan at Portsmouth.

The Daggers have announced a fixture amendment. Their Boxing Day Sky Bet League Two clash with Cambridge United at Victoria Road will now kick-off at 1pm.

Aussies run away with Essex tour match

Cricket

Essex v Australia
(Australia win by 169 runs)
Brian Jeeves reporting from the Essex County Ground

ASHES fever came to the county as Essex County Cricket Club staged a four-day match with the touring Australians.

The visitors have always proved to be popular with some rich cricketing history etched between the two sides, and once again the Essex crowd responded by turning out in their masses.

Australia arrived in Chelmsford having already yielded some valuable batting practice, easing past Kent by 255 runs.

And after Essex skipper Ravi Bopara offered the tourists the opportunity to bat, they picked up where they had left off at Canterbury.

The Australians were eventually all out for 562. David Warner hit 94 before falling victim to Bopara, Jamie Porter taking the catch.

There were impressive knocks from Shane Watson (b Ryan ten Doeschate 52), and Peter Nevill (c Sub b Jess Ryder).

But Australia's star man with the bat was Mitchell Marsh who displayed some exhilarating strokes.

He was eventually bowled by Matt Salisbury for 169. Tom Moore toiled with the ball for Essex, and was rewarded with the

wicket of Chris Rogers and the prize scalp of skipper Michael Clarke with the very next ball, while Leytonstone-born Jamie Porter finished with figures of 3-97.

In response Essex provided the tourists with an uncomfortable time in the field. Westley smashed 144 before he was removed by the bowling of Mitchell Starc, while Bopara (c Clarke b Marsh 107) also perhaps highlighted a chink in the armour which the Australian's will be keen to iron out as the Test Series begins in Cardiff. Essex were eventually dismissed for 414.

The Australians never reached the same heights during their second spell at the crease.

Clarke made up for his golden duck in the first innings with a decent knock of 77 before he was bowled by Aron Nijjar.

Australia were dismissed for 221, but with the hosts set a target of 370, any chance of an Essex success always looked a tall order.

Starc, 3-26, and Josh Hazelwood, 4-42, ripped into the Essex order, the home side were eventually skittled for 200, and the tourists won comfortably by 169 runs.

Essex: Jaik Mickleburgh, Nick Browne, Tom Westley, Ravi Bopara*, Jesse Ryder, Ryan ten Doeschate, James Foster+, Matt Salisbury, Aron Nijjar, Jamie Porter, Tom Moore.
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Non-league round-up

Community day a great success

By Brian Jeeves.

AMBITIOUS junior club Southendian Manor held their annual awards presentation and community fun day, and the event was hailed a huge success by officials, players and supporters.

Manor, who organise both training and competitive matches for children, aged four to 18, were only established in 2014, and in a short space of time have flourished into one of the county's top youth football set-ups.

Vice-chairman Lee Smith told *Yellow Sport*: "Nothing was going to dampen the spirits of all the children and adults that attended. We celebrated their achievements regardless.

"We estimate that more than 1,000 people attended throughout the day which is fantastic for a voluntary grassroots club like ours and really raised our profile.

"Lots of new children at various ages that were previously unassociated with the club attended and a number of them expressed an interest in getting into football."

Smith added: "Our club has an ethos of fun and development over results and it will always remain that way.

"We give every child that wants to play football an opportunity to do so in a fun, safe and structured environment and make sure they come away from each match or training session having learnt something and with a smile."

"Lots of exciting plans are in place for the future and we aim to not only improve the football skills of the children, but to teach them important life skills such as friendship, team work and respect."

"All grassroots clubs are hugely underfunded and somewhat undervalued. But when you consider pretty much every single player in the professional game has come through clubs like ours, it gives us all hope that one day more funding will become available and we can continue to do our little bit to improve the national game."

Anyone interested in playing or getting involved with Southendian Manor FC can find more details at www.southendianmanor.co.uk.

Little over a month ago Arsenal were lifting the FA Cup after thrashing Aston Villa 4-0 in the final.

Nevertheless, our Essex Senior League clubs are already gearing up for a crack at the Wembley dream after the draw for the Extra Preliminary Round of the competition was announced.

Eye-catching ties see Bowers & Pitsea take on Ilford, while neighbours Basildon United entertain Sporting Bengal United. The full list of ties for the region's clubs is as follows:

Southend Manor v Codicote
Wivenhoe Town v Tower Hamlets
Cockfosters v Burnham Ramblers
Hadley v Saffron Walden Town
Hertford Town v Kirkley & Pakefield
Debenham LC v Ipswich Wanderers
Bowers & Pitsea v Ilford
Basildon United v Sporting Bengal United
FC Broxbourne Borough v Brantham Athletic
Long Melford v London Bari
FC Clacton v Eton Manor
Hullbridge Sports v Hadleigh United
Clapton v Stanway Rovers
Stansted v Takeley
Enfield 1893 v London Colney
Felixstowe & Walton United v Barking
Waltham Forest v St Margaretsbury
Ties are to be played on Saturday, August 15.
Meanwhile there was a huge tie pulled out in the Preliminary round of the FA Trophy with Tilbury taking on Barkingside at Chads Field.
Selected ties are:
Thurrock v Guernsey
Witham Town v Herne Bay
Arlesey Town v Redbridge
Barton Rovers v Great Wakering Rovers
Tilbury v Barkingside
Romford v North Greenford United
Aveley v South Park
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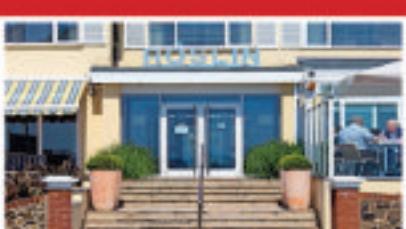
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